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In re Patent Application of:
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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR A
HYBRID CLOCK AND PROXY
AUCTION

Examiner: T. T. Havan

APPLICANTS COMMENTS UNDER REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

The allowance of this application with claims 1-80 is acknowledged with appreciation. The allowed claims include independent method claim 1 (and its dependent claims 2-37), independent system claim 38 and its dependent claim 39 and 74, independent system claim 75 and its dependent claim 76, independent method claim 77 and its dependent claim 78 and independent computer readable medium claim 79 and its dependent claim 80.

The Office Action of July 13, 2009 indicated that claims 1-74 were allowed and claims 75-78 were rejected. The amendment of October 13, 2009 amended claims 75-78 and added new claims 79 to 80.

The Reasons for Allowance deals with the substance of claims 1-74.

Claims 75-78 were rejected in the Office Action of July 13, 2009 as anticipated by Bykowski (2002/0013757). The October 13, 2009 amendment pointed out how the amended

claims 75-78 distinguished from Bykowsky and how new claims 79-80 also distinguished from that reference.

Applicant submits that claims 75-80 distinguish from the art of record by describing a method/system or computer readable medium which determines an allocation of items among plural bidders based on the received bids, including package bids for at least two of the items, where the bids are processed to determine an outcome including an allocation of the items among the bidders, wherein the determined outcome is a core outcome with respect to the received bids, said core outcome having an applied profit allocation that is feasible for the coalition of the whole and unblocked by any coalition.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 22-0185, under Order No. 22209-00004-US2 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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Respectfully submitted,

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